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Title: **A COMBINED RAPID ANT-MICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY ASSAY & MICROORGANISM IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**  
Group Art Unit: **1651**  
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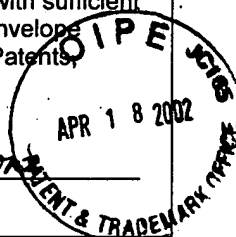
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Other 1 Month Extension of Time

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901
  - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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